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Re: Mary Ingle, Austin Neighborhoods Council President, letter regarding comments to CodeNext Diagnosis

I heartily agree with the comments made by Ms. Ingle in her letter. The perspective of those who both live and work in Austin is likely the most balanced and sensitive perspective on the issues of both livability and additional growth. While business interests may focus more on ease of entitlements and opportunities for investment and profit, those who both live and work in Austin are attuned to livability, appropriateness of the code and accessibility of both laws and process to regular citizens. Austin residents and their neighborhood leaders have tremendous experience with Austin's zoning code and planning procedures and have valuable insight into the needs and approaches to reworking the zoning code. These citizens have devoted countless hours to neighborhood plans, civic efforts for public amenities and individual casework to ensure that our city continues to be livable. The beauty and livability of Austin and its neighborhoods as well as Austin's fine public amenities are a tribute to those who have volunteered their time and passions to our city. These comments are due a great amount of consideration.

I hope to see that these comments will be referenced and will be clearly reflected in the future work of the CodeNext process.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen McGraw", is written over a faint horizontal line.